

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page ~~1~~, before line ~~1~~, insert the following as separate paragraphs:

--BACKGROUND

1. Technical Field of the Invention--.

Page ~~1~~, before line ~~5~~, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

--2. Description of Related Art.

Page ~~4~~, before line ~~18~~, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 18, as follows:

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According to the first aspect of the invention there is provided a method of managing media stream connections for a media session, said method comprising the steps:

receiving a session description of a media session;

parsing the session description to determine appropriate media application programs for processing the or each media stream of the session description;

selecting one or more media streams identified in the session description, the session description including data relating to a quality of service policy; and,

determining based on available resources whether participation in the media session is viable using the quality of service policy based on said data;

b1 | connecting the or each selected media stream to one or more respective media application program or programs utilising a session control configured for managing media stream connections for the or each media application program.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 19, as follows:

b2 | In preferred embodiments, the session control prioritises the connection requests from the media applications according to ~~a~~ the quality of service policy to create a set of connection requests which are passed to the communications manager.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 12, as follows:

b3 | According to a second aspect of the invention there is provided a system for managing media stream connections derived from a session description for a media session, the system comprising a session control for parsing the session description to determine appropriate media application programs for processing the or each media stream of the session description; a communications manager for determining based on available resources whether participation in the media session is viable using a quality of service policy based on quality of service data provided in said session description; and the session control being configured to manage media stream connections for the media applications programs.

Page ~~7~~, before line ~~24~~, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

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--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page ~~8~~, before line ~~13~~, insert the following as a separate paragraph:

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--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS--.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page ~~23~~, line ~~1~~, as follows:

~~CLAIMS~~ What is Claimed is: